

## Reading Aloud

Fancy cretonnes of good quality are exclusively used for summer bed coverings, chairs and couch upholstery, shirt waist box covers, screen covers and curtains. Beautiful effects are produced where one pattern scheme is carried out in a room. Usually sleeping rooms, libraries and dens are given this treatment. Walls covered with fabrics to match these other fittings are also in good taste.



## New Styles in Petticoats

silver rams. In Sheffield there are many lovely things to be had at moderate cost. What bride would not enthuse over a squatty Guernsey picher, the handle covered with a weaving of fine red? And there are baking dishes with shielded rims, toast racks, vegetable dishes and compartments for holding two or three rashers—just the thing for a small family—tear-dish, ramekins—oh, ever so many lovely things named in native *sheen* about

ing good picture dealer has them. Fine linen is one of the gifts which is most needed. It is very imaginative. Likewise if the happy couple is to be married, a supply of linen is not something to take care of, and is no real use or pleasure. But if they are going to housekeeping it is a very welcome gift. Half a dozen fine towels, hemstitched or hand-scalloped, with a large ruler with insets of the diet crochets which is a very useful set of ecru linen dollies with designs in blue cross-stitch; a between-meal centrepiece made of a square of hand woven linen carefully stenciled in crange with the foliage—these are all charming gifts. A lingerie pillow or two rarely comes amiss, but they should be complete, with the pillow inside and the cover outside.

"Sometimes people in uniform come to court wearing the trousers prescribed for a levee instead of the dress trousers they wear at home. If there is time, the lord chamberlain's officials occasionally insist on their going home to rectify such mistakes, but if not, they are allowed to pass. I am warning to keep in the background much which is not true."

"Once I had to point out to a well-known general as he was going in for a recording that he was on the wrong side. It is fair to say that civilians to make the mistake of put-

There is a petticoat with adjustable waist band arranged by means of small glove clamps, say five or six in number, placed at regular intervals, and the petticoat can be let down or taken in at pleasure. The width at the hem of the new petticoats is considerably decreased for the spring, and this takes the burden of alteration off every woman. Whether the manufacturers have decided that the narrow skirts are better or whether they think that so few petticoats are worn in winter that it was up to them to get out something that would attract

Wash, wring, wrinkle, and thin taffeta ones are brought out by the hundreds to wear under skirts that are too thin for sheer muslin. These are also preferred by a large number of women for everyday wear, as they are more durable than scanty cloth that does not soil easily.

They have accordion plating at the edge if the material is quite soft; if it is of taffeta there is merely a three-inch hem edged with a flat piece of material. The latter style has been substituted on some skirts and the hem is covered with a flat band of sheer velvet embroidery which adorns the hemlet at the edge and is basted up on the inner side.

The advantages of this are obvious. It can be ripped off, washed and replaced, thereby saving the cleaning

The kind of shading provided for kitchen windows will depend upon the presence of shutters. Without blinds, a well green or dark blue linen shade will be necessary, and if the roller hanging on brackets that are fastened to the extreme upper part of the casing instead of in sockets that are placed between the casing, a quick